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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: November 10, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

Subject: **REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 25,
2004.**

A meeting of the Neighborhood / Community Affairs Committee was held on Monday, October 25, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. Commissioners in attendance: Mattie Herrera Bower, Richard L. Steinberg, and Saul Gross. City staff in attendance: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager; Vivian P. Guzman, Director – Neighborhood Services; Fred Beckmann, Director – Public Works; Jorge Gomez, Director – Planning Dept.; Ronnie Singer, Community Information Manager – CIP; Jean Olin, Deputy City Attorney; Debora Turner, First Assistant City Attorney; Esther Perez-Trujillo, and Randi MacBride. Others in attendance are listed in the attached sign-in sheet.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SWALES.

The proposed swale ordinance was reviewed for the Committee by Assistant City Manager Robert Middaugh. Mr. Middaugh explained that interest for the ordinance was originally expressed during the CIP planning process in many of the neighborhoods that were going to have work done on their swale areas. After over a year of discussion with representatives of neighborhood associations to determine the policy desired by residents, the ordinance was written. The ordinance is representative of citizen concerns not the recommendations of city staff.

During discussion the Committee expressed concern about the complete elimination of parking opportunities in the swale area. The Committee also expressed a desire to have hedges eliminated and decorative lighting allowed. Staff will prepare draft language to review with the Committee before any further public discussions.

ACTION: Prior to taking the swale policy to the neighborhood homeowner associations for discussion, the Administration will bring this item back to the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee with recommended changes.

Attachments

JMG/RCM/VPg/rfm